



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord many people are losing hope, I ask that You strengthen them mentally, physically and spiritually. Give them peace; led and guide them. Lord keep us, protect us and bless us. Led us in the right path as to God's will for us, not our will, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

1 Now I, Paul, appeal to you¹ personally² by the meekness and gentleness³ of Christ (I who am meek⁴ when present among⁵ you, but am full of courage⁶ toward you when a way!) – **2** now I ask that when I am present I may not have to be bold with the confidence that (I expect) I will dare to use against some who consider us to be behaving¹ according to human standards.² **3** For though we live¹ as human beings,² we do not wage war according to human standards,³ **4** for the weapons of our warfare are not human weapons, but are made powerful by God for tearing down strongholds. We tear down arguments **Eph 6:13; Jer 1:10; 5** and every arrogant obstacle that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to make it obey Christ. **6** We are also ready to punish every act of disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete. **7** You are looking at outward appearances. If anyone is confident that he belongs to Christ, he should reflect on this again: Just as he himself belongs to Christ, so too do we. **8** For if I boast somewhat more about our authority that the Lord gave us for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of doing so. **2Cor 13:10; 9** I do not want to seem as though I am trying to terrify you with my letters, **10** because some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but his physical presence is weak and his speech is of no account." **11** Let such a person consider this: What we say by letters when we are absent, we also are in actions when we are present.

12 For we would not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who recommend themselves. But when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding. **2Cor 3:1; 2Cor 5:12; 13** But we will not boast beyond certain limits, but will confine our boasting according to the limits of the work to which God has appointed us, that reaches even as far as you. **Eph 4:7; 14** For we were not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach as far as you, because we were the first to reach as far as you with the gospel about Christ. **15** Nor do we boast beyond certain limits in the work done by others, but we hope that as your faith continues to grow, our work may be greatly expanded among you according to our limits, **16** so that we may preach the gospel in the regions that lie beyond you, and not boast of work already done in another person's area. **17** But *the one who boasts must boast in the Lord.* **Isa 65:16; Jer 9:23; 1Cor 1:31; 18** For it is not the person who commends himself who is approved, but the person the Lord commends. **Prov 27:2;**

2 Corin. 10 (NET)

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Some things in this chapter seem to have been suggested by the charge of his enemies that Paul was weak in personal appearance (vv. 1,10). There is no hint in the New Testament as to what Paul looked like. There are indications in the New Testament that he may have had eye trouble which at times made him repulsive in appearance (see p. 796). But the charge of his enemies that he was a weak personality (v. 10) certainly was unfounded. It is just not possible to think that a man who turned city after city upside down, as Paul did, was weak. Unquestionably, Paul was a powerful and dominating personality. In reply to the charge that he was weak, Paul tells them that he at least founded his own churches instead of going around troubling churches founded by others, as his opponents were doing! (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, notes and commentaries; pages 794-795)

Some scholars believe that Chapters 10-13 are actually a second epistle, and Chapters 1-9 are a third epistle. Certainly, there seems to be much in these next chapters that don't seem to follow the tone or content of the preceding chapters. Apparently, some of the Corinthians who disliked Paul had ridiculed his appearance. "Presence" also means outward appearance. It seems that one man in the church in Corinth criticized Paul and had gathered a small group around himself. He seemed to use everything against Paul—from his appearance to the collection for the church for the church in Jerusalem. One of the accusations against Paul was that he was guided by his flesh and not by the Spirit (2 Corinthians 1:17). Paul's methods of defense were not carnal but spiritual. We need to ask the Holy Spirit for help in controlling our imagination and thoughts. Paul didn't want to tear the people down with his authority but to build them up. Paul had taken the Gospel to the Corinthians, but another man was building on the foundation Paul had laid. There are always those who come into an established work and try to draw people after themselves. This man in Corinth was trying to build himself up by tearing Paul down. Some people take unto themselves the glory due to God for His works through them.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; commentaries, notes; Chuck Smith; page 95)

Our thoughts get us into trouble more than anything else. This is because our thoughts are the roots of every word and deed. In Isaiah 55:8, the Lord says, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways. No matter what you or I may think, God has written down His thoughts for us in His Book, the Bible. We must choose to examine our thoughts in light of the Word of God, always being willing to submit our thoughts to His thoughts, knowing that His are best. 2 Corinthians 10:4,5 is exactly this point made. Through careful strategy and cunning deceit, Satan attempts to set up "strongholds" in our minds. A stronghold is an area in which we are held in bondage due to a wrong way of thinking. Examine what is in your mind, if it does not agree with God's thoughts (the Word/Bible), then cast down your own thoughts and think God's thoughts instead. To do this, you must know God's Word well enough to compare your thoughts with what is in the mind of God. People whom live in the vanity of their own mind, not only destroy themselves, but also they bring destruction to others around them. Those whom live by God's truth, are blessed and bring blessings to others.

(Amplified Bible; 2005; Scripture, notes, commentaries; Joyce Meyers; pages 1901-1903)

This is why it is important to study the Word daily, what is in the heart, spirit is what comes out of the mouth. The tongue can be evil or good. We are to as the Bible says think on these things;

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things [are] honest, whatsoever things [are] just, whatsoever things [are] pure, whatsoever things [are] lovely, whatsoever things [are] of good report; if [there be] any virtue, and if [there be] any praise, think on these things" Philippians 4:8

The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:12

Did you ever notice when you start remembering the Word, that when times of trouble come, a Scripture pops into your head?? Or how about when you are thinking about something and wondering what to do, and Scripture will pop in your head? Or how about when you are thinking about doing something and you know there is something wrong with the situation and you are going to do it anyway.....and Scripture pops in your head. I had this happen with a very close friend; the Scripture just kept popping in my head and a deep foreboding and I was concerned for both the people in the situation, it was involving personal health care after a hospital stay; and the Scripture just kept coming, so I emailed to warn, I was accused of some things and I was just counseling, so I said I want nothing to do with this situation since you think I am involved. So weird. The situation may have been good for the moment but had consequences later, though the person was receiving health care to get back on their feet their were strings attached, and it caused a lot of problems, though the person receiving the care got help....there was a price later. I sent the scripture but they already had their minds set to it, so I cast the care on the Lord. Later, my friendship was restored, it just saddened me, that everyone had to go through it, but I do know God had a purpose for it. When ever Scripture keeps popping in your mind about something going on, over and over, and you are hearing it from different sources that don't know each other (people) the same Scripture; than the Holy Spirit is speaking to you, and you might should heed the call and examine the situation, sometimes things might appear to be ok but deep down underneath, there is something out of place or whack. It was one of the strangest situations I have been around, still I am glad the friendship was retained, and things were corrected.

A point was made in the notes of the Amplified Bible about spiritual gifts, and it is worth sharing. "one of the biggest mistakes we make is comparing ourselves with other people and our gifts with their gifts. Have you been in one of those situations yet with another believer?? They have a spiritual gift in one area, yours is in another area, they do not understand you, because you will not do what they do....it is because we are one body with many parts. If one is gifted in the service area and the other in the administration area, than the one may not be able to help in the same area, you will have two unhappy people. The one may jump in the service area to help someone with a need to do something, where as the person in the administration area, will start making a plan what to do and follow through, but someone else to do it, because frankly they don't know how. I used to call it nuts and bolts in the work force. There will always be a bolt, but it takes a wing nut to fix it in place to get the job done. The Bible lists gifts in different areas, and He gives us the grace to do it, if the Holy Spirit gives us a plan and we think we don't know how to do it, we are mistaken, God will not call us to do it without putting the grace in us to enable us to do the task. At different times He puts the different areas of spiritual gifts in us through grace to do something, than another situation will come along that needs different skills and me puts the grace for that in us. Still people usually have a real strong area in the spiritual gifts, that is stronger than the other areas and they excel in that area.

God will not help us be anyone but our self and , He will not help you be anyone but yourself. He is not calling us to compete with others, but to love and help them. We should use our gifts to enhance other people's gifts. We should not be jealous either. Today I see a lot of that in different churches, though they may attack you most of the time it is jealousy; sometimes false teaching but a lot of times it is not.

4 Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. Rom 12:6; 1Pet 4:10; 5 And there are different ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are different results, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. 7 To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the benefit of all. 8 For one person is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, and another the message of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another performance of miracles, to another prophecy, and to another discernment of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 It is one and the same Spirit, distributing as he decides to each person, who produces all these things. Rom 12:3; Rom 12:6; Eph 4:7; 1Cor 7:7; 2Cor 10:13;.....1 Corin. 12: 4-11

When we also refuse to let different people to help when the Lord led's them to, than we are not letting them use the spiritual gift God placed in them, so we are in essence hindering them. It takes all of us, one body with many parts.

(KJV Bible; Scripture; notes and commentaries; 2005)

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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